

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to an Office Action mailed on October 27, 2003. Claims 1-19 are rejected. Claims 1, 3-10 and 17-19 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 3 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as there are insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation in the claims. Claims 1-3, 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Use of a Personal Workstation to Access Open Network Services," by Robert M. Colomb (hereinafter "Colomb"). Claims 4-6, 8-16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colomb in view of "Object-oriented Software Construction," by Bertrand Meyer (hereinafter "Meyer"). As discussed below, the pending claims are patentable over the above reference.

Colomb introduces a concept of a user interface management system that controls the display and input interaction with a workstation user for each application invoked by the user. The user interface management system presents to the user a uniform interface that is adapted to the user's personal needs.

Contrary to the presently claimed invention, Colomb does not teach or suggest receiving a request pertaining to an object associated with a network-based application from a non-network based application, dynamically accessing the object, and transferring the datum of the object to the non-network based application. Specifically, while Colomb refers to a knowledge base manager that facilitates access to the documentation of an application, it does not teach or suggest receiving a request pertaining to an object associated with a network-based application from a non-network based application, dynamically accessing the object in response to the request, and transferring the datum of the object to the non-network based

application, as does the presently claimed invention. These limitations are included in the following language of claim 7:

...receiving a request pertaining to an object associated with a network based application from a non-network based application;
dynamically accessing the object in response to the request; and
transferring a datum of the object to the non-network based application.

Similar language is also included in claims 1, 10 and 17. Thus, the present invention as claimed in claims 1, 7, 10 and 17, and their corresponding dependent claims is not anticipated by Colomb.

Meyer does not help Colomb to render the present invention unpatentable. Meyer describes features of object-oriented programming. However, Meyer lacks at least the same features that are missing from Colomb. In particular, similarly to Colomb, Meyer does not teach or suggest receiving a request pertaining to an object associated with a network-based application from a non-network based application, dynamically accessing the object, and transferring the datum of the object to the non-network based application. Accordingly, the presently claimed invention is patentable over the cited references.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 103(a). Applicants furthermore submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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